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1. AMBASSADOR MET THIS MORNING WITH PRIVATE SECRETARY OF PRESIDENT-ELECT GUZMAN, HECTOR INCHAUSTEGUI, AND LUDOVINO FERNANDEZ, MENTIONED AS PROSPECTIVE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER, TO DISCUSS ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON INAUGURAL CEMEMONIES.

2. REGARDING PRESIDENT GUZMAN'S LUNCH FOR THE SECRETARY AND PARTY ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, IT WAS AGREED THAT MAXIMUM OF NINE RPT NINE US GUESTS WILL BE INVITED. WE RECOMMEND FOLLOWING US PARTICIPANTS: THE SECRETARY AND MRS. VANCE, AMBASSADOR YOUNG, AMBASSADOR AND MRS. YOST, ASSISTANT SECRETARY AKY, NATIONAL SECURITITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE PASTOR, ASSISTANT AID ADMINISTRATOR VALDEZ, AND LT. GEN. MCAULIFFE, US SOUTHERN COMMAND. WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION SOONEST THAT ABOVE LIST IS ACCEPTABLE.

3. AT THIS POINT, DOMINICAN PARTICIPANTS WILL INCLUDE
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PRESIDENT GUZMAN AND WIFE, PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER (SONIA GUZMAN HERNANDEZ) AND HUSBAND, NEW SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND WIFE, AND NEW SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE ARMED FORCES AND WIFE. PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER HAS BEEN ONE OF HIS CLOSEST CONFIDENTS AND ADVISORS THROUGHOUT THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN AND THE CURRENT TRANSITION. WE WILL PROVIDE COMPLETE LIST OF DOMINICAN PARTICIPANTS AS SOON AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

4. IN THE COURSE OF ABOVE CONVERSATION, BOTH INCHAUSTEGUI AND FERNANDEZ REPEATEDLY STRESSED THAT THE PRESIDENT'S LUNCH FOR THE SECRETARY AND HIS PARTY SHOULD BE HELD AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT GUZMAN AND HIS ADVISORS ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY CONCERNED WITH ADVERSE CRITICISM WHICH WOULD LIKELY RESULT BOTH FROM OTHER FOREIGN DELEGATIONS, AS WELL AS FROM EXCLUDED OCAL POLITICAL LEADERS IF WORD OF GUZMAN'S LUNCHEON FOR THE SECRETARY AND PARTY SHOULD BECOME PUBLIC IN ADVANCE. WE HAVE ASSURED INCHAUSTEGUI AND FERNENDEZ THAT WE WOULD ADVISE US DELEGATIONS OF PRIVATE NATURE OF THIS LUNCH. THEREFORE, ALL REFERENCES TO THIS LUNCH IN UNCLASSIFIED SCHEDULES SHOULD SPECIFY SIMPLY: 1315 - LUNCH (TO BE ARRANGED) WHILE INDIVIDUAL DELEGATION MEMBERS MUST OBVIOUSLY BE APPRISED OF ARRANGEMENTS, WE BELIEVE EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO AVOID WHAT COULD BECOME A TOUCHY PROTOCOL AND POLITICAL PROBLEM FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT GUZMAN.

5. PER REFTTEL, WE HAVE PROCEEDED ON BASIS OF 0920 ARRIVAL TIME FOR SECRETARY ON AUGUST 16. HOWEVER, DAO SOURCES INDICATE THAT AIR FORCE MAY BE PLANNING ON ARRIVAL 10 MINUTES LATER, I.E., 0930 HOURS. WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATIONS SOONEST THAT SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL TIME REMAINS 0920 HOURS.
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